

**Table 6-1. Number of Petitions Instituted and Certified and Estimated Number of Workers Petitioning and Certified for TAA for Workers, Fiscal Years 1975-2010**

Fiscal Year	Cases Instituted		Cases Certified	
	Petitions	Est. Workers	Petitions	Est. Workers
1975	559	216,173	141	59,330
1976	1,053	226,523	454	147,943
1977	1,317	229,842	437	145,285
1978	1,876	177,072	933	168,226
1979	2,307	346,714	1,006	238,220
1980	5,570	1,051,350	1,060	598,970
1981	1,159	133,924	377	35,545
1982	1,064	176,320	280	22,988
1983	976	166,604	517	60,986
1984	511	44,247	356	17,011
1985	1,439	131,102	510	34,538
1986	1,887	168,625	920	80,610
1987	1,650	194,654	824	93,572
1988	2,761	230,541	1,195	106,363
1989	1,856	151,744	1,430	85,500
1990	1,621	160,793	706	75,638
1991	1,784	152,942	793	64,040
1992	2,002	128,867	1,321	60,190
1993	1,375	168,442	740	78,496
1994	1,629	137,242	1,047	81,974
1995	1,506	136,029	1,122	89,398
1996	1,658	175,965	1,116	111,836
1997	1,335	151,000	842	109,904
1998	1,730	181,310	1,000	108,981
1999	2,321	220,483	1,587	156,998
2000	1,440	151,693	821	97,939
2001	2,406	304,596	1,164	144,293
2002	2,565	338,701	1,674	245,003
2003	3,567	304,367	1,894	197,748
2004	2,992	210,567	1,812	149,705
2005	2,644	156,022	1,561	118,022
2006	2,465	169,017	1,444	119,602
2007	2,272	190,494	1,444	146,838

Fiscal Year	Cases Instituted		Cases Certified	
	Petitions	Est. Workers	Petitions	Est. Workers
2008	2,224	171,326	1,437	125,485
2009	4,549	422,248	1,845	201,312
2010	2,222	156,785	2,718	280,873

**Source:** U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration. Data are current as of December 2010.

**Notes:** (1)A case is instituted when a petition is filed by or on behalf of a group of workers that have lost or may lose their jobs because of foreign trade. DOL then investigates the claim to determine if foreign trade contributed importantly to the actual or threatened job loss. If the investigation finds that facts of the petition meet the statutory criteria, DOL certifies the petition and the corresponding worker group becomes eligible for TAA benefits and services. (2)The lag between the time that a petition is instituted and when the petition is certified is the reason that annual comparisons of petitions instituted and certified may be inexact. In particular, the large number of petitions filed in FY2009 created a backlog at the investigation level and approximately 1,200 of the petitions that were filed in FY2009 were not determined until FY2010.